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Applicant, Martin A. Welt, hereby petitions to make this application special because the applicant is over 65 years of age. Submitted herewith as evidence of this fact is a declaration by the applicant that he is over 65 years of age.

No fee is believed due for submission of this petition. However, if there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this petition, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

In connection with the Petition to Make Special for the above-identified application, submitted herewith, and as required under MPEP § 708.02, I, Martin A. Welt, submit this declaration that I am sixty-five (65) years of age or older.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this declaration is directed.

Respectfully submitted

Date 5/14/04